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Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee Meeting

Cheryl Newton, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator Opening Remark

Thursday, April 6, 2017, 9:00 am
 Lake Michigan Conference Room
 12th Floor EPA Region Conference Facilities
 Chicago, IL

Tab 1 – Welcome

- Good morning, I want to welcome everyone to Chicago and EPA offices for the Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee Meeting. I want to thank all of you for traveling to Chicago.
- I would like to acknowledge tribal elected leaders that have traveled here to meet with us. I understand you have busy schedules and we appreciate your time.
(See list of Tribal Leaders - this list will be verified prior to start of the meeting)
- Most of you have attended the annual Tribal Environmental Program Management (TEPM) Conference that started on Monday of this week. Let us know if this conference is meeting your tribal needs. Please pick up and complete evaluation form for the conference. We appreciate the feedback.
- Before we get started with the agenda, let's take care of an important business – Lunch. R5TOC members will have a working lunch today. In your R5TOC packets are the menu form for ordering lunch – each order is \$10. Please complete these right now so we can place the order for pick up. TIAO staff will collect your orders and money.
- Mark (Parrish), (Tribal R5TOC Co-Chair), would you like to provide any introductory remarks?
- (After Tribal Co-Chair's remark). We will begin our agenda now.

Tab 2 – Taimi Lynne Hoag Award

- Each year we begin the R5TOC Meeting in Chicago by recognizing an environmental leader in Indian country.
- (see Taimi Lynne Hoag Award Talking Points)

Tab 3 – R5TOC Administrative Business

- In the meeting packet is a copy of the Meeting Summary from October 2016.
- Do we have a motion from an R5TOC member to approve the meeting summary?
- Second?
- Any comments?
- Also in the meeting packet is a copy of the Action Item Tracking Matrix. I will turn it over to Anthony to review these Action Items.
- Mark, is there a report from the Tribal Caucus Meeting? [Mark will provide the meeting report]
- Levi, could you provide the National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) update.
- According to our schedule, the next R5TOC Meeting will be hosted by the tribes in Minnesota in July. Has the Tribal Caucus identified a location and host? If not, we would like to request that the Tribal Caucus identify a location and host by the May Tribal Caucus Call.

Tab 4 – 2017 Transition at EPA Region 5

[Assume Cheryl has own talking points for this]

Tab 5 – Enbridge Consent Decree

- At the October 2016 R5TOC Meeting, EPA provided an overview of the proposed consent decree. In January 2017, a motion was filed in federal court requesting approval of the revised consent decree.
- Karen Peaceman will provide an update.

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Tab 6 – Working Lunch

- We will break for 5 minutes to distribute the lunches.
- We'll hear from the Partnership Group members while we eat.
- You'll find some of their reports in the meeting packet.
- [Order of presentations: Jeff Mears, Tribal Science Council and National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Kathie Brosemer, The National Tribal Water Council; Victoria Flowers, National Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program; Brandy Toft, National Tribal Air Association]

Tab 7 – Back Forty Mine

- The R5TOC Tribal Caucus requested this agenda item,
- I will give the floor to Doug.

Tab 8 – Revisit R5TOC Organizational Structure

- One of the follow up items from the October 2016 R5TOC Meeting was to increase the utility of the R5TOC meetings.
- TIAO has been working with Tribal Caucus to do so.
- I'll ask Anthony to speak on this.

Tab 9 – American Indian Environmental Office Update

- We understand you may have many questions about the new administration and its plans for EPA. For a perspective from Headquarters, we have invited Felicia Wright, Acting AIEO Director, to make a few remarks. She is joining us by teleconference.